

OFFICIAL MINUTES
State Soil Conservation Board
June 5, 1957

The regular meeting of the Texas State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas at 9:30 A.M., June 5, 1957. Members present were A. F. Leesch, Vice Chairman, J. C. Porter and J. S. Sharp. A. C. Spencer, Executive Director was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

This being the first meeting attended by Mr. J. S. Sharp since his election on May 7, 1957, Mr. Leesch welcomed Mr. Sharp and stated that the Board looks forward to working with him.

The next item of business was election of officers. J. C. Porter stated that the Board has established a custom of electing the Board Member who is serving the last year of his term as Chairman. Mr. Porter then moved that A. F. Leesch be elected Chairman and S. J. Payne, Vice Chairman. J. S. Sharp seconded the motion. There being only three members present, a vote was not required.

Applications for assistance in watershed protection and flood prevention work under Public Law 566 as amended were considered. The following new applications were received:

1. La Puerta-La Casita-Garciasville(Olmitos and Garcias Creeks) - Starr County Soil Conservation District No. 332
2. Garceno-Las Morenos - Starr County Soil Conservation District No. 332
3. Fronton(Ramirez Creeks) - Starr County Soil Conservation District No. 332

There being insufficient information upon which to base a final decision, J. C. Porter moved and J. S. Sharp seconded a motion that these applications be disapproved pending a field examination.

A survey report on Marcelinas Creek in the Wilson County Soil Conservation District was discussed. Since it appeared that benefits from this project would exceed costs, J. S. Sharp moved and J. C. Porter seconded the motion to approve

Marcelinas Creek as a practicable and feasible project.

Survey reports on Skull Creek and Harveys Creek in the Colorado Soil Conservation District were discussed. These surveys indicated that structural costs would exceed benefits on these projects. This being true, J. C. Porter moved and J. S. Sharp seconded the motion to finally disapprove the Skull Creek and Harveys Creek applications.

Attorney General's Opinion No. WW-97 was discussed. A. C. Spencer stated that if water control and improvement districts issue bonds for the purchase of easements and rights-of-way and other construction costs the State Board of Water Engineers is required to approve the detailed plans and specifications. The Board of Water Engineers is not required to approve plans and specifications for projects if only a preliminary bond issue is required. If structures are to be constructed across navigable streams approval of plans and specifications by the State Board of Water Engineers is required.

A meeting of the Great Plains State Committee to be held at A & M College on June 11, 1957 for the purpose of discussing the procedure for handling this program and for determining counties to be activated at this time was discussed. A. C. Spencer stated that he felt that a Board Member should be present to make any decisions required of the Board. The Board agreed that since the major portion of this work is to be carried out in S. J. Payne's area that he be designated to attend. J. C. Porter stated that he would be out of the State on June 11. In case Mr. Payne could not be located A. F. Leesch was designated to attend.

The Western Gulf Area Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors has been set for July 8 and 9 at Lake Texoma Lodge at Kingston, Okla. J. C. Porter stated that he would go and take some supervisors from his area. J. S. Sharp indicated that he would go and also encourage some supervisors from his area to attend.

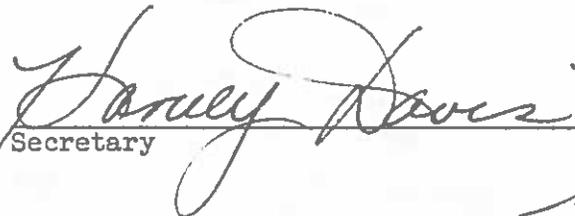
A letter from Dr. Joe D. Nichols, Secretary of the Marion-Cass Soil Conservation

District inviting the State Board to hold its next meeting at Atlanta in connection with their Soil Conservation District Jubilee on July 25 and 26 was read. The Board expressed appreciation for this invitation. The State Board is already committed to hold the July meeting in Temple for the purpose of reviewing records and working on priorities for Watershed planning. Also the Board is committed at their next meeting to discuss watershed problems with Governor Daniel. The meeting will be held the latter part of July on a date to be determined by the Governor. Mr. J. S. Sharp, State Board Member from State District IV was designated to attend the Marion-Cass Conservation Jubilee and represent the State Soil Conservation Board.

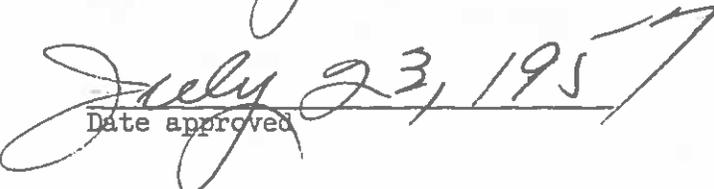
There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Mr. J. S. Sharp returned by plane to Paris, Texas to attend a meeting to hear the results of a preliminary survey on Pine Creek. A. F. Leesch, J. C. Porter, and A. C. Spencer held a conference with Mr. Jake Jacobsen and Mr. John Goldsum, Jr., Administrative Assistants to the Governor, on Progress in the Upstream Flood Control Program. Copies of the Progress Report of the State Board were delivered and procedures followed by the State Board in handling the Upstream Flood Control Program were discussed. Mr. Jacobsen stated that the Governor would want to have a similar discussion with the Board and that he would arrange for such a meeting the latter part of July.


Secretary


Chairman


Date approved